

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
AUGUST 22, 2012

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS §

Present:

Nancy Berry, Mayor

Council:

Blanche Brick
Jess Fields
Karl Mooney
Katy-Marie Lyles, arrived after roll call
Julie Schultz
Dave Ruesink

City Staff:

David Neeley, City Manager
Kathy Merrill, Deputy City Manager
Frank Simpson, Deputy City Manager
Mary Ann Powell, Deputy City Attorney
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, the Budget Workshop of the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Nancy Berry at 4:13 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 in the Carter Creek Wastewater Training Facility 2200 North Forest Parkway, College Station, Texas 77842.

2. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the FY 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.

Jeff Kersten, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, provided a review of the proposed FY12-13 budget. General Fund Outside Agency funding is proposed at \$956,013. This funds RVP, Arts Council O&M, July 4th fireworks, Brazos Animal Shelter, and Health Department. Other governmental funds include Economic Development and Chimney Hill. For the Economic Development Fund, the budget proposes a \$300,000 General Fund transfer, an increase to meet future commitments. FY13 expenditures are budgeted for Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies and Reynolds and Reynolds. The Chimney Hill Fund revenues are proposed at \$430,825 from rents and royalties from the tenants. FY13 expenditures are budgeted for facilities maintenance, property taxes, and a transfer out to the Electric CIP.

Special Revenue Funds

- Hotel Tax Fund: The policy issue for this fund is to utilize Hotel Tax funds to encourage tourism and visitors into College Station, thereby improving the economy within the uses allowed by state law. Revenues are projected at \$3,834,000. Expenditures are projected at \$5,939,926.
- Court Funds and Police Seizure Fund: There are several different funds that are used to offset costs to the General Fund in the Municipal Court and Police Department within the uses allowed by state law. These include the Court Technology Fee Fund, the Court Security Fee Fund, the Juvenile Case Manager Fee Fund, and the Police Seizure Fund.
- Cemetery Funds: There are three funds. The Memorial Cemetery Fund expects \$268,680 in revenues from plot sales and investment income. There is a proposed 10% increase in the cemetery spaces for the Memorial Cemetery Fund. There are no expenditures budgeted; operations and maintenance is funded out of the General Fund. The Memorial Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has projected \$131,641 in revenues from plot sales and investment income. Advertising expenditures are budgeted at \$10,000. The operations and maintenance is funded out of the General Fund. The Cemetery Perpetual Fund for the Texas Avenue Cemetery projects revenue at \$13,000 from plot sales and investment income. There are no expenditures budgeted; operations and maintenance is funded out of the General Fund.

Internal Service Funds

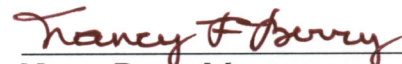
- Self-Insurance Funds: This provides the insurance needs for the City. The components of this fund include Property Casualty, Employee Benefits, Workers Compensation, and Unemployment. Employee Benefits is budgeted for \$9,656,053 and includes increased City/Employee contributions. Staff is reviewing plan designs and looking at wellness.
- Equipment Replacement Fund: The Equipment Replacement Policy allows equipment to be replaced on a scheduled basis. Funds are set aside on an annual basis for future replacements. Revenue is projected at \$3,350,388. Expenditures are estimated at \$2,773,813 for fleet purchases and replacement and other equipment purchases.
- Utility Customer Service: This provides utility metering, billing and collection customer services. Revenues are projected at \$2,275,776. These are charges to the Electric, Water, Wastewater, sanitation and Drainage Utilities. Expenditures for operations and maintenance, and for pay and benefit proposals are budgeted at \$2,273,444.
- Fleet Maintenance Fund: this provides fleet support services to City operations. Revenues in the amount of \$1,672,140 are charges for service received from other City departments. Expenditures in the amount of \$1,681,490 are for operations and maintenance, an Alternative Fuel Study, and for pay and benefit proposals.

3. Presentation, possible action and discussion on the 2012-2013 ad valorem tax rate; and, if necessary on calling two public hearings on a proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2012-2013


Council consensus was to stay with the Effective Tax Rate.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the budget workshop of the College Station City Council at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012.


Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary